

December 20, 2011

The Life of Marion Anderson

- The funeral for Marion Anderson will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Groton. The Rev. Elizabeth Johnson will officiate and burial will be in the Falnes Cemetery, rural Langford.
- Visitation will be 4-7:00 Tuesday at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service.
- Marion died Saturday, December 17, 2011, at Golden Living Center in Groton at the age of 87.
- Marion B. Nelson was born October 18, 1924, on the family



farm south of Langford, SD to Martin and Bertha (Monsen) Nelson. As a youngster, she grew up there and attended rural country schools and graduated from Pierpont High School.

- On February 23, 1941, Marion married Emil A. Anderson. They lived and farmed in the Langford area. In 1957, they moved into Pierpont and made it their home while continuing their farming operation. In 1996, they retired to Groton. Marion had worked for a number of years for Dakota Track, both in Langford and later in Pierpont. She also worked as a Teacher's Aide in Pierpont. For a number of years, Marion and Emil enjoyed their lake cabin at Blue Dog Lake near Waubay.

- Marion had been a member of the Falnes Lutheran Church, rural Langford and Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Pierpont when she lived in those areas. She was currently a disciple of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Groton. Marion was extremely active in all facets of church life, including the ladies groups, Sunday School teacher and custodian.

- Marion was an excellent baker and will long be remembered for her delicious buns and cinnamon rolls. Her Norwegian heritage was evident through her baking, and lefse was another of her specialties. She was an excellent seamstress and had done many beautiful pieces of crochet work. Marion seldom missed any of her grandchildren's or great-grandchildren's sporting events. Her faith and family were of the utmost importance to her.

- Grateful for having shared her life are her children: David (Linda) Anderson, Carol Anderson and fiancé, Milton Sippel, Nancy (Brian) Sundstrom; all of Groton; a daughter-in-law, Loretta Anderson of Sioux Falls; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

- Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Emil on October 22, 2007; a son, Merle Anderson; one grandson; two great-grandsons; one great-great-grandson; two brothers: Severine Nelson and Marvin Nelson; and two sisters: Bernice Hardy and Olga Gregerson.